



CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER POLICY SUMMIT
Reaching New Heights
April 15 - 16, 2008

December 5, 2007

Dear Friend:

We are pleased to invite you to the California Asian Pacific Islander Policy Summit: “Reaching New Heights” on April 15 – 16, 2008 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

California’s Asian Pacific Islanders are reaching new heights in strengthening our API statewide coalition and advocacy efforts. Our community’s recent political gains combined with increased advocacy efforts at the grassroots level create a timely opportunity for us to further advance the API agenda. 2008 Summit participants will again conduct Capitol legislative visits to advocate for critical API legislation and programs.

The Summit will also offer popular skill building workshops facilitated by Capitol veterans on legislative and budget advocacy, as well as opportunities to exchange ideas with advocates and API leaders from the different cross sections of the state. We also once again issued a “call for workshops” resulting in a lineup of diverse and dynamic trainings which feature current issues facing the API community. For the first time, workshop selections are included in the registration packet to allow attendees to pre-select their workshop preferences.

The API Policy Summit provides a platform for community leaders such as yourself to have a voice in informing the Governor and the Legislature of key policy issues that impact our communities today. Be a part of the voice of API Californians and join us April 15 - 16 at the 2008 Summit!

If you have any questions, please contact the following:

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- **Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality (AACRE), A Partnership of Chinese for Affirmative Action, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, and Asian Law Caucus**
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CONFERENCE AGENDA*

April 15

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast & Conference Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Welcome

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Legislative Team Meetings

Prepare for Capitol Legislative Visits and meet with your pre-assigned teams.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Legislative Agenda Training

Learn about the important details, including what the legislation is proposing, how much it costs, who are its supporters, and how to respond to what the opponents are saying. You'll be armed with the knowledge necessary to talk about the legislative agenda with confidence and answer questions that may arise.

12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote

12:30 pm. – 1:30 p.m.

Advocacy Training

Beginning Track

Legislative Process 101

Prepare for capitol legislative visits. Learn about the legislative process, the steps needed to conduct a successful legislative visit, and useful tips from legislators, staff, and experienced advocates.

Advanced Track

Influencing the Money Trail

De-mystify the budget and fiscal processes. Learn how to protect the programs you care about and how you can influence the state budget process.

Legislative Process 201: From Concept to Law

Get the inside perspective on how legislation progresses from concept to law. Learn about what's not in the textbooks and how to navigate the legislative process with greater skill and savvy.

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Legislative Visits at the Capitol

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Legislative Team Leader Reports/Debriefing

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Reception

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Institute Dinner

April 16

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Hot Topics

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Workshops - Session 1

Better Luck Tomorrow: Key Issues Facing API Youth

All of the issues that impact the API community, whether they are in the health field, legal arena, or in education, have a very specific effect on the youth of the API community. This workshop will highlight the diverse issues facing API youth and will engage participants on ideas, strategies and partnerships that will support the resolution of these concerns.

Moving Forward with Disaggregated Data: Challenges for API Youth and UC Students

Whether the context is high risk behavior such as substance abuse and gambling or high stakes decisions such as admission to the University of California, disaggregated data allows policymakers to see important differences among API communities. NAPAFAASA educators, UC administrators and students tell their stories of successfully advocating for disaggregated data and share key findings.

We Are Family: APIs and the Threat to Family-Based Immigration

This workshop will provide an understanding of both 1) the importance of family immigration to APIs and, in particular, low-income API and refugee communities and 2) the increasing dilemma of family backlogs and continued attacks of several categories of family-based sponsorship, especially those used primarily by APIs. Participants will be provided the materials and tools they need to advocate effectively for their constituents on family immigration concerns.

API Obesity: Menace, Not Myth! Policy Change through Community Action

This workshop is designed to raise awareness of API obesity issues and to highlight a community based response to changing the social and physical environment affecting API obesity. API Obesity Prevention Alliance (APIOPA) is conducting a pilot program to empower Japanese, Filipino, and Pacific Islander residents of LA County with advocacy skills to reduce risk factors for obesity in their neighborhoods.

Using MySpace, YouTube and Alternative Media to Get Your Message Across

Most of us are struggling to get stories placed in traditional media outlets such as the Los Angeles Times even as our access to those media outlets become more difficult, yet Youtube and alternative media provides greater access to tell our stories our way. This workshop will provide a comparison of traditional methods of media messaging to that of new media methods and will explore strategies for organizations to integrate new media into their existing work, with a focus on low-cost strategies for organizations with a limited technological capacity.

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Workshops - Session 2

Building the Movement: Students Discuss Campus Organizing

California's college and university campuses are home to a new generation of API activists. This workshop will feature several young activists highlighting their work and campaigns for positive solutions to pressing problems impacting the API community.

Access and Opportunity: How to Build a Sustainable Community

This workshop will discuss how economic development is key in building sustainable communities and the critical role of the community based organization in that effort.

APIs with Disabilities: Rights, Advocacy and Inclusion

This interactive workshop will focus on children and adults with disabilities, mental health needs and seniors within the API communities in California. A panel of APIs with disabilities, family members, community providers and advocates will talk about the barriers they face and also about the services that are available through in-home services, Medi-Cal programs, housing, employment, transportation, special and adult education. This workshop will also include discussion around advocacy and inclusion in the API community and beyond.

Planting Justice in the Environmental Debate

This workshop will feature the work of two leading environmental justice organizations-California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV) Education Fund and Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). Learn about their respective work in identifying the attitudes of APIs on environmental issues, community organizing for healthy and clean environments and how you can play a role in this movement.

Civic Engagement in API Communities

This workshop will present the latest trends and research on civic engagement in Asian Pacific Islander communities, including analysis of exit polling and voter registration data, and discuss efforts to increase participation throughout California.

12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch & Policy Discussion Roundtables

- Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling
- Health
- Mental Health
- Environmental Justice
- Issues Impacting Immigrants
- Education/Higher Education
- Youth/Young Adults
- Issues Impacting LGBTQ Community
- Issues Impacting Older Adults
- Housing/Community Development
- Voting Rights and Participation
- Social Services
- Juvenile Justice

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Closing Session

***Agenda subject to change**



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Title	
Company/Organization		
Address		City, State, & Zip
Telephone	Fax	Email
Other Affiliations: <input type="checkbox"/> AACRE <input type="checkbox"/> APISCAN <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

Do You Have a Special Request?

- ☐ Interpreter/Special Language: _____ ☐ Vegetarian?
- ☐ Check here if you would like to receive e-mail updates on statewide API issues.

1. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- ☐ \$90 Early Bird Registration Fee (Due 2/15/08)
☐ \$115 Two-day Registration Fee (Due 3/31/08)
☐ \$65 One-day Registration Fee (Due 3/31/08)

2. DINNER REGISTRATION/ Please reserve:

- ☐ **Community Table Sponsorship:**
Table of 10 @ \$2,000- \$1000*
- ☐ **Table Sponsorship for Summit participants:**
Table of 10 @ \$1,000- \$500*
- ☐ **Friend:**
Seat(s) @ \$65- \$50* Qty _____

** New discounted rate for Summit participants*

TABLE SPONSOR GUEST LIST

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3. SUMMIT CO-SPONSORSHIP

Funds generated by co-sponsorships will help to support conference scholarships.

- ☐ Champion Co-sponsor: \$500
☐ Advocate Co-sponsor: \$250
☐ Supporter Co-sponsor: I commit to mobilizing constituents to attend the Summit through listservs, websites, personal contacts, newsletters and other means.

4. TOTAL COSTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Sponsorship | \$ _____ |

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to
"California API Legislative Caucus Institute"
and mail completed registration forms with full payment to:*

**1020 N Street, Room 370
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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O Date Received: _____

O Scholarship O Stipend

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Notes: _____

5. CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Day 1: April 15, 2008

Capitol Legislative Visits (2:00 – 4:30 p.m.)

Will you be participating in the Capitol Legislative visits for the entire period?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please contact us five days prior to the Summit if you are no longer able to participate in the legislative visits.

If yes to the above question, please answer the following:

Who are the Assembly Member and State Senator for your home district? Your work district? To find out, go to: <http://192.234.213.69/lmapsearch/framepage.asp>

What is your home address? (For purposes of identifying your legislative representatives)

Are there legislators you have relationships with and/or would like to meet with?*

What are your areas of interest and/or expertise?

*You may not be scheduled with the legislator you request.

Limited table space will be available for organizational materials (brochures, etc.)

Please indicate if you plan on bringing any materials.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Day 2: April 16, 2008

Workshops-Session 1: (Please select one)

- ☐ Better Luck Tomorrow: Key Issues Facing API Youths
- ☐ Moving Forward with Disaggregated Data: Challenges for API Youth and UC Students
- ☐ We Are Family: APIs and the Threat to Family-Based Immigration
- ☐ API Obesity: Menace, Not Myth! Policy Change through Community Action
- ☐ Using MySpace, YouTube and Alternative Media to Get Your Message Across

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- ☐ Access and Opportunity: How to Build a Sustainable Community
- ☐ APIs with Disabilities: Rights, Advocacy and Inclusion
- ☐ Planting Justice in the Environmental Debate
- ☐ Civic Engagement in API Communities

Round Table Discussion: (Please select one)

- ☐ Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Environmental Justice
- ☐ Education/Higher Education
- ☐ Youth/Young Adults
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- ☐ Issues Impacting the LGBTQ Community
- ☐ Housing/Community Development
- ☐ Juvenile Justice

6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A limited number of rooms are available at the Best Western Hotel at a reduced group rate. Please identify yourself as a participant of the API Policy Summit when reserving your room.

Best Western – Sutter House

1100 H Street (916) 441-1314

\$95 Double Queens

(Rates guaranteed through 3/26/08)

For more hotel and transportation information, visit the Sacramento Convention and Visitors' Travel Bureau at: http://www.discovergold.org/sacramentoCVB/member_orgs.cfm#252

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